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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**TWO MEXICAN MEN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION
AND INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE MARIJUANA**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ADAN GALLEGOS-MARTINEZ, 20, and JESUS VILLEGAS-OCHOA, 19, both from the country of Mexico, but presently incarcerated in the Marion County Jail, were charged today with possession with intent to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana, following an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Indiana State Police.

GALLEGOS-MARTINEZ and VILLEGAS-OCHOA were arrested by law enforcement officers on March 1, 2004, as they were traveling eastbound on Washington Street in a pickup truck. The bed of the pickup truck was filled with garbage bags containing marijuana to a
GALLEGOS-MARTINEZ and VILLEGAS-OCHOA-2

level that the bags obstructed the view of the vehicle's temporary license plate affixed to the rear window of the truck.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Josh J. Minkler, who is prosecuting the case for the government, GALLEGOS-MARTINEZ and VILLEGAS-OCHOA face a maximum possible prison sentence of 40 years and a maximum possible fine of \$2,000,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled for in the near future before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The information is an allegation only, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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